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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to an Office Action, dated February 21, 2001, mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Paper No. 10). The Office Action set a shortened statutory period for response to expire on May 21, 2001. This Amendment is being filed within one (1) month(s) of the shortened statutory period for response.

A petition for a one (1) month extension of time is enclosed herewith. Per the petition, Applicants invoke the benefit of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 to secure a one (1) month extension up to and including June 21, 2001. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.